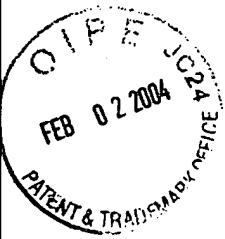


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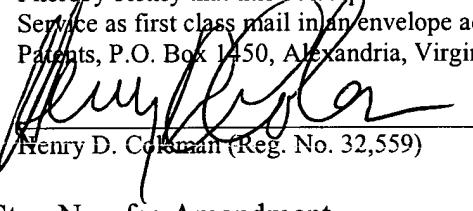
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued January 26, 2003. This response is a resubmission of an earlier response filed November 3, 2003 and is substantively identical to the November 3, 2003 amendment/response with the exception of the presentation of the claims.

Claim Amendments:

Cancel claims 2-23 and amend the remaining claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
 - a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino-, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino-, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and